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**THE WEATHER**

Oregon and Washington—Fair and cooler in east portion.  
Idaho—Fair.

**TAFT'S SPEECH TODAY.**

We shall not be surprised if the great speech delivered today by Judge William H. Taft, Republican nominee for the Presidency, before the Virginia State bar, will constitute one of the extraordinary episodes of the campaign and, perhaps, plainly mark the course he will pursue, in an administrative sense, if he shall be elected, when issues shall arise calling for the application of the principles enunciated. He deals with the law, its relation to the poorer citizen in contra-distinction to its operation for the rich man, especially in the matter of continuances and the dilatory practices now admittedly oppressive; and its concern and connection with the corporate life and interests of the nation.

The subject is an immense one and fraught with profound lessons; but none too large, nor too profound, for this able jurist, who will treat the issues as they deserve and plead the doctrine of simple justice, quite aside from the splendid anticipations he may cherish, and for the good of the whole people, whose representative he has been, is and will be. There can be no doubt of the exhaustive character of his discussion of these great questions, since he is to make the argument before the trained hundreds of a great bar association which counts among its members some of the legal lights of the nation, and the whole concourse eagerly alert for such disquisition as he shall make, not to criticize, but to learn, as from a master mind among them.

We may be mistaken, but we look to see this address made great use of as a cardinal expression upon one of the weightiest subjects of public concern; a declaration that will strike another keynote of national righteousness in the scheme of organic human intercourse.

**SLOW DOWN A BIT!**

With the present developments on Irving avenue, West Commercial and Twenty-third streets, it begins to look as if a halt had better be called in the scheme of public improvements and the city spared the likelihood of further damage and injunction suits than are now imminent. For imminent they are, and the city's pleas, in any of the cases, are not of the soundest.

If exceeding care is not taken, hereafter, in the projecting of such enterprises, in laying down the bases of procedure, in the engineering, measuring up of materials, and manner of doing the street work generally, there is going to be some very interesting steps taken for the protection of the taxpayer, if the declarations of some of this class of citizens are to be believed. This is the exact moment to slow down a bit, get our bearings, reform our methods and qualify the whole situation, for the good of all concerned.

It will be infinitely cheaper in the long run and will reduce the annoyance and friction inseparable from the legal contention aroused under existing conditions.

**THE FOURTEENTH QUEEN.**

Out of a long list of charming candidates for the regal honors of the fourteenth annual Regatta, Miss Hattie Wise has won the crown and will begin her three-day reign all in good time. It is needless to say she will grace the office and lend dignity to all its happy functions.

Queen Hattie, I, will have from 40,000 to 50,000 subjects under her sway and dominion for that brief

period, and yet it is quite long enough for her majesty to make pleasant history for her people and herself, and no one doubts, for an instant, that she will add notably to the jolly record of a jolly season, aided and abetted as she will be, by a loyal populace proud of its charge as the collective host to thousands of summer guests, and proud of her as their social representative and leader in this festive premise.

Here's to the Queen of the Regatta!

May each of the 72 hours of her reign leave her, our guests, and us, some distinct and memorable happiness!!

**INSANE LEPER ABROAD.**

Arizona has set a pace in civic carelessness that is likely to bring down upon her head the anathema of the coast country generally if the evil results inherent in the situation shall materialize anywhere. She has permitted the escape from quarantine of Mrs. Wardell, the insane leper, and the woman's whereabouts are a mystery to everybody save a few intimate friends who have defeated the authorities and laid the country liable to an ugly invasion of the malignant malady.

Mrs. Wardell's case was very pitiable, she having lost her husband recently and while both were in duress on account of the wife's affliction and in turn having become a raving maniac. There can be no accounting for what disaster she may bring upon the community in which she is hiding, no matter how carefully she is secluded. There is but one doctrine for the safe handling of leprosy, and that is complete isolation, a course hardly adhered to by Mrs. Wardell's over-zealous friends in abetting her surreptitious movements in flight. She, herself, being unamenable to control and correction and unable to contribute, in any degree, to the safety of others in the case it will be a marvel indeed if grave consequences are not heard of in this matter.

Once Holand's warships sailed the Channel with a broom at the mast-head as a token of mastery of the sea. It is easy to take a minor place when a nation allows its navy to run down.

Most of the policies that have brought prosperity to the American nation are denounced as misfortunes by the Democratic leaders. In other words, the country has been fortunate in its misfortunes.

Last year Mr. Hisgen received more votes for governor of Massachusetts than were given the Democratic nominee. Mr. Bryan has reached the stage where he may run third in some of the states.

William R. Hearst says he will never again be a candidate for office. He has evidently made up his mind that if nominated he could not be elected, and that if elected somebody would count him out.

Castro has managed his case so that at last he will be spanked by a woman. But the slipper will be made of wood.

According to the government investigators benzoate of soda and ben-

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**Unless Backed by a Strong Navy the Monroe Doctrine Is but an Empty Boast.**

By President ROOSEVELT.

THERE are always certain numbers of well meaning, amiable individuals, coupled with others not quite so well meaning, who advocate merely a coast defense navy. Such advocacy illustrates a habit of mind as old as human nature itself—the desire at the same time to do something and not to do it.

NO FIGHT WAS EVER WON YET EXCEPT BY HITTING, AND THE ONE UNFORGIVABLE OFFENSE IN ANY MAN IS TO HIT SOFT. THAT APPLIES TO THE INDIVIDUAL, AND IT APPLIES TO THE NATION, AND THOSE WHO ADVOCATE A COAST DEFENSE NAVY ARE ADVOCATING THAT WE SHALL ADOPT AS A NATIONAL PRINCIPLE THE PRINCIPLE OF HITTING SOFT.

I hope with all my heart that never will this nation of ours hit unless it cannot possibly be helped. I believe that the nation should scrupulously refrain from wronging or insulting another nation; that it should put up with a good deal in the way of misconduct on the part of others before going to war. But when this nation does have to go to war SUCH WAR WILL ONLY BE EXCUSABLE IF THE NATION INTENDS TO HAMMER ITS OPPONENT UNTIL THAT OPPONENT QUILTS FIGHTING.

For the protection of our coast we need fortifications, not merely to protect the salient points of our possessions, but so that the navy can be foot loose.

If war comes at any time in the future, that administration under which it comes will indeed be guilty of folly if they use the fleet to protect any port. Let the port be protected by the fortifications. THE FLEET MUST BE FOOT LOSE TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY THE ENEMY'S FLEET. That is the only function that can justify the fleet's existence, and that function cannot exist in the case of such a ridiculous fleet as the fleet would be if it were only possible to use it for coast defense purposes.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE UNBACKED BY A NAVY IS AN EMPTY BOAST, AND THERE EXIST BUT FEW MORE CONTEMPTIBLE CHARACTERS, INDIVIDUAL OR NATIONAL, THAN THE MAN OR NATION WHO BOASTS AND, WHEN THE BOAST IS CHALLENGED, FAILS TO MAKE GOOD.

If we have a coast defense navy only, we had better at once turn over the Panama canal to some stronger and braver nation which would not limit itself merely to a coast defense navy and could protect it. If we should limit ourselves merely to a navy that would confine us to defensive war—war certain in the end to be unsuccessful—it would be well at once to give up Hawaii, to give up Porto Rico, to give up Alaska and to say that we had no more interest in Cuba than the smallest outside powers.

If we intend to claim to be a great nation, THEN WE MUST FIT OURSELVES SO THAT WE MAY BE READY AT NEED TO MAKE GOOD THAT CLAIM. That can only be done by building up and maintaining at the highest point of efficiency the United States navy.

We do not want any navy at all if it is not a first class one, and such a navy will be necessary for us just so long as we demand the right to administer our national affairs as we think best.

zoic acid used as food preservatives cause loss of weight, nausea and other injurious effects on the health. As this opinion rests on actual tests it will be accepted as having been thoroughly confirmed.

**Diarrhoea Cured.**

"My father has for years been troubled with diarrhoea, and tried every means possible to effect a cure, without avail," writes John H. Zirkle of Philippi, W. Va. He saw Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy advertised in the Philippi Republican and decided to try it. The result is one bottle cured him and he has not suffered with the disease for eighteen months. Before taking this remedy he was a constant sufferer. He is now sound and well, and although sixty years old, can do as much work as a young man. Sold by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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**Chronic Diarrhoea Relieved.**

Mr. Edward E. Henry, with the United States Express Co., Chicago, writes: "Our General Superintendent, Mr. Quick, handed me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy some time ago to check an attack of the old chronic diarrhoea. I have used it since that time and cured many on our trains who have been sick. I am an old soldier who served with Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley four years in the 23rd Ohio Regiment, and have no ailment except chronic diarrhoea, which this remedy stops at once." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

**REBUKING KILLERS**

Bird Slaughterers to Be Given a Lesson by Spirited Woman

BEAUTIFUL GIFT JUST MADE

New York Woman Bestows Splendid Collection of Birds of Paradise Upon American Museum—Many Rare Specimens in the Lot.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Frank K. Sturgis known in society here and in Lenox, intends the gift of a collection of rare and beautiful birds of Paradise, which she has just presented to the American museum of natural history as a first aid for dislocated millinery morals. She is a member of the museum and also a leading spirit in the Audubon Society which is pledged to prevent the slaughter of birds for the purpose of hat adornment. Several of the rarer birds cost \$100 each, unmounted, and there is not one of the seventy specimens which is not of high intrinsic worth as well as of scientific value.

These birds are found only in New Guinea and in a few islands off its coast and despite their limited number they are hunted remorselessly by "plumers" employed by the wholesale milliners. The plumage of the male birds attains its dazzling beauty in the mating season and the killing therefore, is causing the species to disappear. England has recently passed a law which goes into effect June 1, 1909, forbidding the further importation of the plumage of such birds into the United Kingdom.

Of the eighty five varieties of birds of Paradise, sixty are represented in the seventy specimens, the twenty five other species are only slightly varying forms.

The collection is better than any other in the United States and is surpassed only by collections in London and Dresden. The assemblage was gathered after two years research by Frank M. Chapman of the museum staff, who is a noted ornithologist and has achieved remarkable results in the Mountain of birds.

**AUTO EXPLODES.**

Machine Was Going At Rate Of Thirty Miles An Hour.

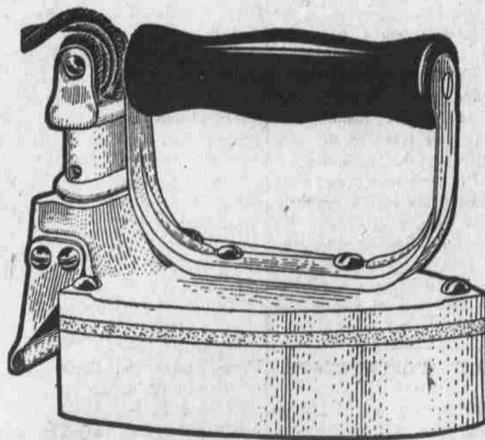
CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from LaFayette, Ind., says:

Two men were perhaps fatally burned and three others seriously injured by the explosion of an automobile near here yesterday. Those seriously injured were Thomas Denman, a farmer, and Ralph Sear of Boswell, Ind. The others wounded were William Coffenberg, Leo Schuessler and Warren Mankey, also of Boswell.

The explosion, which was caused by gasoline, occurred while the machine was running at a rate of 30 miles an hour. The men, with their clothing ablaze, leaped from the machine, which ran into a fence and was totally destroyed by the fire.

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